



Maryland Older Driver Safety

Silver Alert: Lessons Learned in Florida

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Driving with Dementia



Driver will experience:

- Gradual/Variable/Unpredictable changes
- Problems with:
 - ☐ abstract thinking
 - ☐ problem solving
 - ☐ Loss of insight
 - ☐ Impaired spatial skills
 - ☐ Multi tasking
 - ☐ Slowed reaction times

...need to stop driving at some point...

Today's Situation

SPECIAL

Most older adults modify driving behavior voluntarily, but.....

- Some not soon enough
- Some too soon
- Some in the wrong way...



Carm

National Presence



SPECIAL

- 21 states & NYC: Silver Alert
- 8 states: similar (other names)
- 9 states: broader criterion for missing persons (any age)
- 6 states: legislation pending
- 6 states: no legislation
- Federal Legislation: S. 1263 pending ...

Maryland

SPECIAL

- Demographic growth (2000-2012)
 - 65+ licensed drivers: 12% drivers
 - Significant increase in 85+
- Incidence of Alzheimer's:
 - 86,000 age 65+ 2010
 - Increased by 10% since 2000
- Silver Alert:
 - Activated October 1, 2009
 - Criterion based

Florida Silver Alert Experience



- Implemented 10/08
 - Criteria based
- Cases to Date:
 - 636 activations (240 denials)
 - 77% men
- Age range:
 - 2012: mean=81
- Recovery:
 - Same county: 43%
 - Different county: 49%
 - Out of state: 8%

Range	%
50-59	1%
60-69	7%
70-79	34%
80-89	52%
90-99	7%

Infrastructure Development



- Administration & Oversight
 - Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
 - State Unit on Aging (Dept. Elder Affairs)
- Support Committee
 - Key association reps
 - Law Enforcement
 - Community/Media
- Protocol & education tasks:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Community service providers
 - PSAs

**MISSING PERSON****FRAN CARLIN-ROGERS**

Date Missing: 4/13/2010

Missing From: Orlando, FL

Birth Date: 1/1/1949

Height: 5' 05"

Weight: 135

County: ORANGE

Age Disappeared: 61 yrs 3 months

Race: White

Sex: Female

Hair: Salt & Pepper

Eyes: Blue

Narrative: A Florida Silver Alert has been issued for Fran Carlin-Rogers who was last seen in the area of Ranger Drive in Orlando. Fran was wearing blue jeans and a tan shirt with black flowers, and glasses. She may be traveling in a 2008, gray Lincoln Towncar, Florida tag number ABC123.

[Printable Format](#)FDLE MISSING ENDANGERED PERSONS
INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE**1-888-FL MISSING**<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us>

If you have any information concerning the whereabouts of
this endangered person, please contact the
Orange County Sheriff's Office at 407-555-0000

Community Resources



- Local resource connectivity:
 - Memory Disorder Clinics
 - Aging & Disability Resource Centers
- Automatic referral to Medical Advisory Board
- Strategic connection:
 - Safe Mobility for Life coalition:
 - prevention** emphasis area
 - Strategic Highway Safety Plan



Silver Alert

MONTHLY REPORT

The Florida Silver Alert Plan is a tool which aids local law enforcement in the recovery of a missing senior who suffers from an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties. The Plan provides for activation of a State Silver Alert when a person meeting the criteria goes missing while driving a motor vehicle. Local agencies are encouraged to issue Local Silver Alerts for persons meeting the criteria when a vehicle is not involved. The following is a monthly report detailing State Silver Alerts issued by the FDLE Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse.

2013 State Silver Alerts MARCH REPORT

	Date	Age/Sex	Agency	Info (last known location)	Recovered
1.	03/01	85/Male	Punta Gorda PD	St. Augustine, FL	Port Charlotte, FL *
2.	03/01	91/Male	Palm Beach SO	Boca Raton, FL	Boca Raton, FL
3.	03/07	78/Male	Davis PD	Davis, FL	Belle Glade, FL
4.	03/07	90/Male	St. Augustine PD	St. Augustine, FL	St. Augustine, FL
5.	03/07	77/Male	Port St. Lucie PD	Port St. Lucie, FL	Port St. Lucie, FL
6.	03/12	82/Male	Clay SO	Green Cove Springs, FL	Georgia *
7.	03/13	60/Male	Palm Beach SO	West Palm Beach, FL	Daytona Beach, FL *
8.	03/17	79/Male	Pt. St. Lucie PD	Pt. St. Lucie, FL	Sebring, FL
9.	03/20	85/Male	Delray Beach PD	Delray Beach, FL	Davis, FL *
10.	03/20	71/Male	Sebring PD	Sebring, FL	Volusia County, FL *
11.	03/21	87/Male	Hillsborough SO	Riverview, FL	N. Ft. Myers, FL *
12.	03/21	77/Male	Orange SO	Orlando, FL	Altamonte Springs, FL
13.	03/27	83/Female	Haines City PD	Haines City, FL	Trenton, FL
14.	03/28	68/Male	Orlando PD	Orlando, FL	Orlando, FL
15.	03/29	73/Male	Lake SO	Leesburg, FL	Leesburg, FL

Total for March 15

Total for the year of 2013: 38

Total since 2008 inception of Florida Silver Alert Plan: 636

* Direct Recovery - Total to date = 58

** Indirect Recovery - Total to date = 24

Recoveries: A direct recovery is defined as a person recovered due to the activation of the State Silver Alert, primarily through the use of dynamic highway message signs or other actions initiated by state agencies. An indirect recovery is defined as a person recovered through the actions of the local agency in coordination with the Silver Alert Plan, primarily through law enforcement communications or media. All listed recovery information is as of April 1, 2013.

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What is Florida's Silver Alert?

****To report a missing person, or if you have information pertaining to an active Silver Alert, please call your local law enforcement immediately; do not wait.**** Florida's Silver Alert is specifically for cognitively impaired individuals who become lost while driving a car. Silver Alert is a plan to help local law enforcement in the rescue of missing persons who have a cognitive impairment, such as Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Through the use of dynamic message signs along Florida roadways, Silver Alerts are broadcast to the public. When the missing person message is announced, the family will be contacted by a local Memory Disorder Center for follow-up support and services.


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Summary



- Maryland demographics suggest **increased frequency** of Silver Alerts
- Role of aging service providers in providing **community safety net** post recovery
- Medical Advisory Board connectivity?